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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

R. S. PATTON, DIRECTOR

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

TOPOGRAPHROX

Hydrographic

Sheet No. H- 4809

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	Entrance To Chesapeake	Bay
	East of Cape Henry	

1940

CHIEF OF PARTY

F. L. Peacock

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The Hydrographic Sheet should be accompanied by this form, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

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Chief of Party	Fred. L. Peacock	
Surveyed byC.D.	Meaney and J. P. Lush	ene
Protracted by	J. P. Lushene	
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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT to accompany Chesapeake Bay Entrance Sheet

1. Instructions

The work was executed in accordance with supplemental

Lat. 36° 56.3'
instructions of March 26, 1940, to investigate a report that

Long. 75° 52.6'
a vessel drawing 26\frac{3}{4} feet touched bottom near the entrance to

Chesapeake Bay on the following cross bearings: Cape Charles Light

House, 352 degrees 45 minutes true; Cape Henry Light House,

263 degrees true.

2. Survey Methods

After leaving Norfolk, Virginia on April, 1940, enroute to the northern working grounds, a short line of soundings was run in this locality to investigate the depth of water and the subsequently possibility of shoaling as reported. From a definite departure at Cape Henry junction buoy (QK FL W Whistle) which is 45 miles eastward of Cape Henry Light, a line was run such that Cape Henry Light had a bearing of 263 degrees true. The line extended from the junction buoy to the Chesapeake Light Ship, and was controlled by visual three point fixes to position #14. The objects used for the fixes were: Cavalier Hotel, Virginia Beach; Cape Henry Light House; and Cape Charles Light House. Soundings were taken every thirty seconds with the Dorsey III fathometer and fixes recorded every two minutes. A profile of the sounding line was made by means of the Hughes Echo Recorder. Visual three point fixes were taken out to position#14 and the line to this point is excellently controlled; but since it was desirable to run beyond this point

to the vicinity of the Light Ship, a combination of dead reckoning, bearings on aids to navigation, and fixes on buoy"2" and Chesapeake Light Ship was used. The positions of buoy "2" and the Light Ship were scaled from Chart 1222. Therefore the portion of the line from position #14 to the Light Ship should be treated as precise dead reckoning being controlled and position.

3. Vertical Control

A serial and fathometer comparisons were taken at Lat. 36-56.26; Long. 75-55.70 in the vicinity of the line so as to correct the fathometer soundings. The soundings shown on the sheet are the final corrected soundings having been corrected for tide, temperature, salinity, draft, index and settlement. The tidal data was obtained from the Washington Office being scaled from the automatic tide gage records of the station at Old Point Comfort, Virginia.

4. Previous Surveys

The depths on the sheet are to the nearest foot having dropped the half feet. The depths vary from those shown on Chart 1222 of 4 and 5 ft. by one and two feet. Had the soundings been shown on the sheet to the nearest half foot the variation would be about one and one half feet. Generally it can be said that the variation between the sheet and Chart 1222 is not materially different.

The six fathom bank as shown on the chart should extend 0.3 to 0.4 miles farther north.

5. Remarks

The intersection of the bearing of 352 degrees and 45 minutes to Cape Charles Light House and 263 degrees to Cape Henry Light House falls on the sounding line and the depth recorded and reduced at the intersection is $35\frac{1}{2}$ feet. There appears to be no shoaling to the extent that a vessel drawing $26\frac{3}{4}$ feet would touch. It is hoped that this line is adequate to cover your instructions of March 26, 1940.

6. Statistics

Statute miles of sounding	11.0
Number of soundings	113
Number of positions	29

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph P. Lushene Jr. H. & G. Engr.

Approved:

Fred. L. Peacock, Comdg. Ship Oceanographer.

Field Records Section (Charts)

H4089 HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET NO. H5.9.90

Additional work 1940

The following statistics will be submitted with the cartographer's report on the sheet:

Number of positions on sheet	29
Number of positions checked	9
Number of positions revised	
Number of soundings recorded	113.
Number of soundings revised	!.
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Number of signals erroneously plotted or transferred	

Date: June 21,1940

Verification by H.F.Stegman

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Review by J.A.McCormick, 6/26/40.

Rime: 4hr.

Time: // hrs.

Smooth Sheet Yes
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Records; Sounding 1 Vols., Wire Drag Vols., Bomb Vols.
Descriptive Report Yes
Title Sheet
List of Signals No
Landmarks for Charts (Form 567) No
Statistics No
Approved by Chief of Party Yes
Recoverable Station Cards (Form 524)
Special Chart for Lighthouse Service No (Circular Nov. 30, 1933)
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TIDE NOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET

June 8, 1940

Division of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts: Attention: Mr. H. R. Edmonston

Tide Reducers are approved in l volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET 5990 additional work

Locality Chesapeake Bay Entrance

Chief of Party: Fred L. Peacock in 1940
Plane of reference is mean low water reading
2.3 ft. on tide staff at Old Point Comfort
10.6 ft. below B.M. 1

Height of mean high water above plane of reference is 2.5 feet

Condition of records satisfactory except as noted below:

Chief, Division of Tides and Currents.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

MEMORANDUM IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

SURVEY DESCRIPTIVE REPORT PHOTOSTAT OF	No. H 15990 No. H 1940	received May 31, 1940 registeredJune 7, 1940 verified reviewed
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This is forwarded in order that your attention may be directed to the matters as indicated below. Please initial in column 3 as an acknowledgement that your attention has been thus directed. The complete original records are available if desired. If you cannot give this your immediate attention, please initial, note, and forward to the next section marked, calling for the records at your convenience.

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VERIFICATION REPORT ON H-4089 (ADD'L WK 1940)

This work consists of a single line of soundings run by the Ship Occanographer on April 10,1940 to investigate a reported depth of 27 feet or less. (A vessel drawing 26% feet had reported touching bottom at \$\phi\$-36-56.3 1-75-52.6)

The control for pos. 1-14A consisted of 3 pt fixes on triangulation stations. Pos 15-29A were located by log distances, bearings on Cape Henry Lt, and angles and bearings to buoy #2 and Chesapeake Light vessel. The latter two objects were plotted from the chart, and thus it was felt that the soundings after pos 16A were not sufficiently accurate in position to be inked on the smooth sheet. By instruction of the Chief of Section these soundings were not shown on the sheet (H-4089)

The verifier verified the positions (1-29A) on the smooth sheet furnished by the field party, and then transferred them (with a datum correction) to H-4089 (1919). The position Nos were inked in blue. The datum correction

was very small at this scale (1:40,000) being about 0.4 mm. Soundings between pos 1-16A were inked in green.

In general they are 1 to seet shouler than adjacent soundings of H-4089. However there is an uneven bottom in this locality and there are soundings of H-4089 (1919) in the Vicinity of the 1940 line which are just as shoul as the 1940 soundings.

The 1940 line of soundings crossed the reported position of the grounding (Cape Henry Lt bearing 263°T.,

Cape Charles Lt. bearing 352-45'T) with soundings of 35 feet.

This point is 330 meters south of a line of 40 ft soundings and 200 meters north of 38 ft and 39 ft soundings, all of H-4089 (1919).

The shoalest soundings obtained on the 1940 line were nine 34 ft soundings between 1-75-53 and 1-75-54, and sust north of \$1-36-56.

The 30ft ourve on H-4089 extends to \$\phi-36-58.6 and A-75-53.0. From this pt. Cape Charles Lt bears 353° T., and \(\) Cape Henry Lt bears 243° T. This is 24mi N. ward of the reported gnd.

There is a shoal on H-4089 with least depth of 32 ft, 24 Mi Sward of the reported grounding, at

of-36-54 1-15-52.4. From this point Cape Charles Lt bears 353°T. and Cape Kenry Lt bears 283°T. Anextensive area on this shoal has soundings of 33ft, with sounding lines spaced over 400 meters, and it appears possible that the 27 foot depth may exist there, at present.

June 21,1940

Respectfully submitted

Anold F. Stegman

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

State: Dirginia.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Hyd. Sheet No. 4069

LOCALITY:

Cultance to

Chesaficake Bay.

CHIEF OF PARTY:

Seran, H.a.

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

to accompany

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEET No.

APPROACHES TO CHESAPEAKE BAY.

H. A. Seran, H. & G. Engineer, Chief of Party.

Instructions dated June 3, 1919.

As this sheet covers an area accurately described in the various editions of the Coast Pilot, no description of the coast line and approaches is considered necessary. The landmarks are all noted on the present editions of the charts of this region.

OUTLYING DANGERS.

There is a 37 foot spot, hard sandy bottom, surrounded by 54 feet in Lat. 36 54' 30" N and Long. 75 42' 30" W. This spot is in the direct approach to Hampton Roads from either the North or East, and while it is shown on the present edition of Chart 1222, in my mind it constitutes a decided menace to navigation entering this port and should be either marked or removed. I think it would be well to move Cape Charles Light Vessel from its present location to this spot.

About 6 miles due East of the spot mentioned above, there is a broken area, least depth found 48 feet. This place needs further development with buoys placed to give accurate fixes. On our present charts we show a depth of 56 feet in this

immediate vicinity.

There is a depth of 31 feet on a direct line connecting Entrance Buoy 2 CB and entrance buoy 2. I think it would be advisable to mark the western edge of this shoal with a buoy. The currents here are very erratic and a vessel taking a close departure from entrance buoy 2 CB and heading for Tail of the Horseshoe Light Vessel could very easily be set up on this shoal without noticing it.

Following the mine of the survey buoys about 10 - 12 miles off-shore the bottom is very irregular. This section was developed as closely as the scale of the sheet and local conditions would allow. It is doubtful if any real dangers exist in this area, even if we did not get the least water, as traffic has been very heavy throout this region for years and someone would undoubtedly have discovered a menace.

REPORTED DANGERS.

Dangers of 27 and 31 feet had been reported as follows: Lat. 36 53 N Long. 75 47 W; Lat. 36 55 N Long 75 46 30 W; and Lat. 36 59 30 N and Long 75 47 30 W. Soundings were taken immediately over the positions reported with no indications of shoaling.

SCOURING OF CHANNEL NORTH OF CAPE HENRY.

A comparison of the present survey with the survey of 1915 and the still later survey of 1917 shows the channel North and East of Cape Henry is scouring rapidly. The northern slope of this channel is very abrupt, the depth dropping from 28feet to 100 feet in less than one half mile. Where the eastern limit of the 1917 survey shows a depth of 59 feet, the present survey shows a depth of 100 feet. A close development of this channel was made. East and West lines were run as closely as they could be spaced and these were crossed by two North and South lines for check soundings. The agreement on the two series of lines was excellent.

METHOD OF SURVEY.

All the soundings were taken from the vessel.with lead line. To the eastern limit of fixed positions on the buoys the soundings were taken with hand line. The precise dead-reckoning work was done with lead line and trolley gear.

LOCATION OF BUOYS

The survey buoys were located from anchorages of the vessel. The positions of the anchorages were computed from three point fixes using shore objects. Computing the positions of the anchorages and drafting the cuts to the buoys by their azimuths reduced the errors due to distortion of the sheet to a minimum and excellent intersections for the locations of the buoys were thus obtained.

PRECISE DEAD RECKONING WORK.

This work was done in the same manner as has previously obtained on similiar work except that the current observations were of necessity made at more frequent intervals. Where splits were run the soundings were made on one direction of the line, only, the return run being made at full speed.

CROSSING OF SOUNDINGS.

The East and West sounding lines were crossed at intervals of about 2 miles by North and South lines. This in depths less than 10 fathoms. The crossings are in general excellent, indicating that the tidal reductions were very good. One line from 1 J' toward 2J' has soundings superimposed upon the N day line from position 28 N to position 33N. The soundings on J' day are greater than those on the N day line and the soundings on N day should be retained. The soundings on J' day were, up to where I have drawn a vertical line in pencil at Long. 75 36', were made by a new leadsman and where his soundings do not check with N day they should not be given any weight.

LINES TRANSFERRED FROM THE 80,000 SHEET.

Those portions of T day and B' day coming within the limits of this sheet have been transferred from the 80.000 sheet. They are also plotted on the latter sheet.

The first two hour lap of E day has been plotted on this sheet. The balance of this day has not been plotted as shortly after the first lap a stiff breeze sprang up and enough allowance for leeway was not made. As a consequence such a large closing error was found that the entire line was rejected.

DEAD-RECKONING LINES. ABSTRACTS OF PRECISE

An abstract of each dead reckoning line is furnished and forms a part of the original records of this work. These abstracts have been compiled from the sounding records and present the information as to the location of the lines in a lore compact form.

TIDAL REDUCTIONS.

A tide staff was maintained at Fisherman's Island and an automatic tide gauge was maintained at Assateague Anchorage throout the season. Tidal reducers were entered in imtegral feet as follows:

(a) All soundings west of a line joining Cape Henry Light House with Lat. 37 O4' N and 75 54' W were referred to the staff at Fisherman's Island direct. Plane of reference 3.7 ft.

(b) All soundings between above line and the meridian of 47' 30" were referred to the gauge at Assateague, time 1/2 hour later, plane of reference 4.2 ft.

(c) All soundings between above meridian and the meridian

of 75 26' 30" - same as above, except time 1/4 hour later. \$\delta\$d) All soundings between above meridian and the meridian

of 75 05' 30" referred to Assateague direct.

(e) All soundings between above meridian and the meridian of 74 44' 30" were referred to Assateague, time 1/4 hour earlier.

(f) All soundings east of 74 44' 30" were referred to Assateague, time 1/2 hour earlier.

CHARACTER OF BOTTOM.

Exce t for the channel just North and East of Cape Henry the bottom in the entire region is of hard white sand. In the channel the bottom is of soft silt and mud.

H. A. Seran.

H. & G. Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1920.

VDivision of Hydrography and Topography:

Division of Charts:

Tidal reductions have been approved in 15 volumes of sounding records for

HYDROGRAPHIC SHEETS 4089, 4090

Approaches to Chesapeake Bay, Va. H. A. Seran in 1919

Plane of reference is Mean low water, reading

3.7 ft. on tide staff at Fisherman's Island Wharf, Va.*
3.7 " " " Assateague Island, Va.*

*Allowance made for difference in tide at place of sounding.

Condition of records, very satisfactory.

Il aide

Chief, Section of Tides and Currents.

Recommend approval:

Chief Div. of Hyd'y & Top'y

AND REFER TO NO.

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY WASHINGTON

SECTION OF FIELD RECORDS

Report on Hydrographic Sheets Nos. 4089 & 4090.

Surveyed in 1919.

Chief of Party: H. A. Seran.

Surveyed by party of Str. Bache.

Protracted by Field Party.

Soundings plotted by rield Party.

Verified and inked-4089 by H. E. MacEwen, 4090 by E. K. Ellis.

- 1. The records conform to the requirements of the General Instructions.
- 2. The plan and character of development fulfill the requirements of the General Instructions.
- 3. The plan and extent of development satisfy the specific instructions with the following exceptions:

For about two-thirds of the height of the survey the sounding was carried out only to depths of 17 fathoms, instead of 100 fathoms as directed.

A buoy was not dropped on the 48 foot spot at lat. 36° 54', long. 75° 34', as directed by paragraph 4 of the instructions.

Although directed to extend the work inshore to include approximately the 12 foot curve, at no place does it include the 18 foot curve.

- 4. The sounding line crossings are adequate.
- b. The soundings were sufficiently accurate and the development complete enough to enable the curves to be completely drawn.
- 6. The field plotting was completed to the extent prescribed in general Instructions.
- 7. The office draftsman did not have to do over again any part of the drafting done by field party.
- Older hydrography the adjoins and overlaps 4089 and 4090 was not shown because of the time required and the fact that the bottom is changeable.

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(4089 and 4090)

- 9. In order to earry the surveying over the area outlined in the instructions it will be necessary to do additional development in the northeastern part of the work from depths of 17 fathoms out to 100 fathoms. Also the 48 foot shoal in lat. 36° 54', long 75° 34'. Also inshore development inside of the 5 fathom curve. If this latter work is ordered it should be carried across the deep channel to check the conflicting surveys of this area.
- 10. The field drafting was carefully done but is subject to the criticism that the position numbers and day letters are too large. The size of the penciled soundings was also very excessive, which necessitated the omission of many soundings and the best judgment was not always shown in the selection of the soundings to be retained. These omissions were supplied by the office draftsman.

 The field plotting of the shipts course was accepted unverified, but the plotting of the 15 minute log readings and the soundings were checked.
- 11. Rating of the work: Character and scope of the surveying-Excellent.
 Field drafting(quality)------Good
- 12. Reviewed by E. P. Ellis, Oct. 29, 1920.
- 13. Two copies of this report to be sent to Hydrography and Topography Divisions.

Horq Dead richoning.

The work as a whole is very good and the grown, sufficiently well conced.

Petting of soundings by field party in the most part good.

In 8' day a change was made successary our to an error by the field farty in platting of soundings, man position 240'

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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY

HYDROGRAPHIC TITLE SHEET

The finished Hydrographic Sheet is to be accompanied by the following title sheet, filled in as completely as possible, when the sheet is forwarded to the Office.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.

Register No. 4089 VIRGINIA. General locality APPROACHES TO CHESAPEAKE BAY. Locality Virginia Beach to Cape Henry. Chief of party . H. A. Seran, .H. & G. Engineer. . . . Date of survey . July - October 1919. Scale . . . 1:46,000 Plane of reference 3.7 at Fisherman's Island: 4.2 at Assateague. Protracted by Field PartySoundings in pencil by Field Party. Inked by Verified by Records accompanying sheet (check those forwarded): Des. report, __3 Tide books, __# Marigrams, 2 Boat sheets, Sounding books, Wire-drag books, Photographs. Data from other sources affecting sheet

Remarks: # Marigrams have been forwarded to the Office at various dates.

DIVISION OF CHARTS

Section of Field Records

REVIEW OF HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY NO. 4089 (1940 Add'1. Work) FIELD NO.

Virginia, Entrance to Chesapeake Bay, East of Cape Henry Surveyed in April 1940, Scale 1:40,000 Instructions dated March 26, 1940 (OCEANOGRAPHER)

Soundings:

Control:

Dorsey III Fathometer

Three point fixes on shore signals.

Chief of Party - F. L. Peacock.
Surveyed by - C. D. Meaney; J. P. Lushene.
Protracted by - J. P. Lushene.
Soundings plotted by - J. C. Mathisson.
Verified and inked by - H. F. Stegman.
Reviewed by - J. A. McCormick, June 26, 1940.
Inspected by - H. R. Edmonston.

1. Purpose of Survey.

Supplemental instructions called for a short sounding line to be run to determine the extent of possible shoaling off Cape Henry in the vicinity of the position where the S. S. THOMAS P. BEAL was reported to have touched bottom while drawing 26-3/4 feet (Chart Letter 83 of 1940).

2. Field and Office Plotting.

Field plotting was accomplished on a new projection on the same scale as the original survey. In the office, this work was verified and the portion controlled by shore fixes was transferred to H-4089. Soundings after position 16A were omitted as they were controlled by dead reckoning and were well outside the reported shoaling.

3. Results of Survey.

Soundings on the additional work are from 1 to 5 feet shoaler than those obtained in 1919 but the least depth found on the line was 34 feet.

4. Comment.

Subsequent to issuance of instructions for investigation of this area the S. S. OAKEY L. ALEXANDER was

reported to have struck a shoal while drawing 27 feet (Chart Letter 310 of 1940). The reported position placed the vessel about 1.6 miles west of the previously reported 26 and in charted depths of 37 to 38 feet. This second grounding was investigated by the U. S. Coast Guard and a lead line sounding of 5 fathoms (unreduced) was obtained about midway between the positions reported by the two merchant vessels. position reported by the Coast Guard was crossed by the OCEANOGRAPHER's line with depths of 34 feet.

5. Additional Field Work Recommended.

Resurvey of the bay approaches to a junction with H-5990 (1935) on the east is recommended.

Examined and approved:

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1940 addl. Work applied to Chart 1222. Mr. 5/40 B.R. - 1940 addl Work applied to Chart 78 Dec. 5, 1940 G.C.M.

1940 Add'l. Work applied to Cht. 1109 Oct. 29,1941 X.R.